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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Reorganisation.

READ—

Government Order No. 1643-52—C. B. 114-23-1, dated the 13th November 1923, sanctioning the formation of a Reporting Section in the General and Revenue Secretariat in connection with the reporting of the proceedings of the meetings of the Representative Assembly, Legislative Council, Economic Development Boards and other public meetings.

2. Government Order No. 2405-57—C. B. 151-23-1, dated the 30th January 1924, sanctioning the appointment of a Secretary to the Representative Assembly, the Legislative Council and the Economic Development Boards and Government Order No. P. 5050—110-E. C. 1-23-1, dated the 10th March 1924, sanctioning the clerical and menial staff of his office.

3. Government Order No. 13943-14003—G. M. 29-23-1, dated the 22nd April 1924, appointing the Secretary, Representative Assembly and Legislative Council as Publicity Officer.

ORDER No. 2171-2—C. B. 150-25-1, DATED 8TH FEBRUARY 1926.

On the promulgation of the Constitutional Reforms in October 1923, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja sanctioned the establishment of a Reporting Section consisting of a Superintendent and two Reporters in connection with the reporting of the proceedings of the meetings of the Legislative Council, Representative Assembly, Economic Development Boards and other public meetings. They also sanctioned the formation of a separate office consisting of a Superintendent, two clerks and a steno-typist to deal with the work relating to the Assembly, Legislative Council and Economic Development Boards.

2. In March 1924, Government sanctioned certain arrangements for giving publicity to Government measures and entrusted this work to the Secretary, Representative Assembly, Legislative Council and Economic Conference.

3. These arrangements referred to above were of a tentative character and the staff sanctioned was the minimum considered necessary. As a result of the working of the arrangements for the past 18 months, it has been found that they require certain modifications. Some of the members of the Legislative Council have referred to the delay in the publication of the proceedings and certain other defects have also been brought to the notice of Government.

4. After a careful consideration of the matter, Government are pleased to sanction the reorganization of the establishment of the Reporting Section, and the Office of the Secretary, Representative Assembly and Legislative Council, and Publicity Office, as shown below with effect from 1st January 1926:—

Existing arrangements	Average cost	Arrangements sanctioned in this order	Average cost
One Superintendent of the Reporting Section 200—10—250.	237½	Chief Reporter and Assistant to the Secretary, Representative Assembly, Legislative Council and the Publicity Officer 200—15—350.	300
Two Steno-typists, 75—5—100.	187½	Four Steno-typists 60—5—150.	450
One Superintendent, on 125-10-175.	162½	One Superintendent, on 125-10-175.	162½
One Clerk, on 75—5—100	93¾	One Clerk, on 75—5—100	93¾
One Clerk, on 50—5—75	68¾	One Clerk, on 50—5—75.	68¾
One Steno-typist, on 50—5—100	83⅓	Nil	...
One Senior Clerk, on 75—5—100	93¾	Nil	...
One Clerk, on 50—5—75	68¾	One Clerk, on 50—5—75	68¾
One Clerk, on 35—3—50	46½	One Clerk, on 35—3—50	46½
One Clerk, on 35	35	One Clerk, on 35	35
Total	1,077 ½	Total	1,225
		Deduct average cost of one Senior Steno-typist of General and Revenue Secretariat, on 40—5—100—6—130 to be takenover to Reporting Section.	89½
			1,135½
		Present Cost	1,077 ½
		Excess per mensem or Rs. 701 per annum.	58 ½

The abolition of the posts of steno-typist of the Office of the Secretary, Representative Assembly and Legislative Council and Senior Clerk of the Publicity Office will be given effect to after providing suitable places for the officials who are now permanently holding these posts.

The additional expenditure involved by the above arrangements will be met from the savings in the current year's provision made for the establishment of the General and Revenue Secretariat.

P. G. D'SOUZA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Precedence List.

READ—

Government Order No. G. 16600-52—G. M. 514-17-1, dated the 4th June 1919, regarding the recognition in suitable form of the services of Members of the Representative Assembly of twenty years standing.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 8-1, 1448-25, dated the 9th December 1925, from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, regarding the grant of Khasa Hara and other privileges to Mr. D. S. Hanumantha Rao, Member of the Representative Assembly, from Devanhalli Taluk, on the ground that he has been a Member of the Representative Assembly for a period of twenty-one years.

ORDER No. G. 5945-95—P. P. 61-25-4, DATED 17TH FEBRUARY 1926.

His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to direct that Mr. D. S. Hanumantha Rao of Devanhalli Taluk be included in Class IV in Part II of the Precedence List and be entitled to Khasa Hara at Durbars.

P. G. DSOUZA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Mahomedan Holidays.

ORDER No. G. 6144-99—G. M. 133-25-1, DATED 23RD FEBRUARY 1926.

In modification of Notification No. G. 3618—G. M. 125-24-10, dated the 19th November 1925 notifying among other matters the 27th and 28th February 1926 as Mahomedan Holidays on account of Shab-e-barat, Government are pleased to direct that 26th and 27th February 1926 be treated as Mahomedan holidays as Shab-e-barat is reported to be observed on those days.

P. G. D'SOUZA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND ECONOMIC CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT.

Public Accounts Committee.

O. M. No. 183-298—L. C. 2-25-4, DATED 17HT FEBRUARY 1926.

The Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to issue the following instructions for the working of the Committee on Public Accounts, constituted under Rule 23 (1) of the Rules issued under Notification P. 4347—Legis. 13-23-22, dated the 5th February 1924 :—

2. The Audit and Appropriation Reports of the Government will be prepared by the Comptroller generally on the lines laid down in Government Order No. Fl. 2080—G. F. 79-25-2, dated 15th October 1925 and submitted to Government before the 3th January following the year to which they relate.

3. Copies of the Reports will be sent to the various Departments of the Secretariat for information and scrutiny and also to the Chairman of the Committee.

4. On receipt of the Reports, the Chairman will fix a suitable date for the meeting of the Committee and communicate it to the Members at least a week in advance. A copy of the agenda together with any papers relevant thereto will be sent to the Members with the notice of the meeting.

5. On the date so fixed by the Chairman, the Committee will meet and consider the Reports.

6. It shall be open to the Committee in connection with any matter under its consideration to request the Secretary to Government or the Head of the Department concerned or any other officer of lower rank to be present at the meeting and furnish such information as may be available with him.

7. The Comptroller will be requested to be present at all meetings of the Public Accounts Committee and help the Committee in its deliberations. He may be assisted by a Gazetted Officer selected by him.

8. Four Members including the Chairman will constitute the quorum.

9. The recommendations of the Committee will be embodied in a Report which will be laid before the Legislative Council with a formal motion by the Chairman that the Report be taken into consideration.

10. The decision of the Legislative Council on the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee will be communicated by the Secretary to the Legislative Council to the Government who will pass suitable orders thereon.

11. Copies of the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee, the decisions of the Legislative Council and the orders passed thereon by Government will be communicated to the Comptroller and to the Members of the Legislative Council.

R. RANGA RAO,
Ex-officio *Secretary to Government,*
Representative Assembly,
Legislative Council and Economic Conference.